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DEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Attorneys in the IMINE-NAUS Case.

- 1. On 24 February 1965/C I suggested to me that attorneys, I and I I had expressed an interest in being briefed by someone from the Agency concerning RIS methods, practices and organization as these might bear on the case currently in progress. I discussed this with DC/SR, after which both of us checked with C/SR as to which officer could be made available for such a briefing. C/SR suggested that I I would be the best choice for this assignment.
- opportunity to skim through the NEINE file in the short time intervening before the briefing on 26 February. We met () in the lawyers' offices and proceeded to brief them in () iprivate office. () was introduced as () and presented a short resume of RIS practices with particular relevance to emigre operations. Several questions were asked by the attorneys son such matters as communications, funding, etc. At about this points () left for another meeting and () and I continued the meeting with the two lawyers. In the general dicussion of the case which followed () asked for comment as to whether NEINE might have been recruited at the time of his first arrest by the Soviets in 1940 or at some later time in the history of his arrests and imprisonments. The pros and cons were discussed and the conclusion expressed that there was at least a fair possibility that his recruitment might date from this early period.
- 3. The attorneys expressed their appreciation for the bricking.

 Masked whether any new developments in the case might have led us to be more certain now that IMINE was a Soviet agent than we had been when we first presented the case to them. At this point () disagreed with () it was his recollection that our present position was substantially the same as that taken by () and () in our first meeting with them on 31 December 1964. I confirmed

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to both of them we had had no new developments and no change in our thinking since that time. Substantially, while the Agency has no "official position" on this matter it is the considered opinion of the several skilled counterintelligence officers who have examined this case over a period of years that WEINE was probably recruited somewhere along the line and finally dispatched to the West under cover of the POW exchange. This was and remains a strong probability and we have no later information which would lead us to change our opinion in one direction or the other.

4. Arrangements were made for me to pick up the transcript of the first day of HEINE's deposition from E home on Sunday.

28 February so that I could study it over the weekend and call them on Monday with any suggestions for lines of inquiry. This was done.

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